**Activities of GNLF**

3622. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the activities carried out by the G.N.L.F.; and

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that some blueprints have been unearthed regarding their future programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Central Government is aware of the agitational activities of the GNLF going on in the Darjeeling Hill area of West Bengal.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Visit to USA by the Director of Enforcement**

3623. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Enforcement had gone to the United States in the month of January, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Director of Enforcement visited USA in connection with the investigations of certain cases under FERA.

**Production of Cashew**

3624. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any plan to increase the production of cashew; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the plans and when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned a Centrally sponsored scheme on "Package Programme for Development of Cashew" for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan with a estimated cost of Rs. 696.00 lakhs. Of this, the share of Govt. of India is Rs. 481.54 lakhs.

Besides this, a Multi-State Cashew Project aided by the World Bank was implemented during 1980-81 to 1987 (September). Under the project so far 65417 hects. of land has been covered under new planting programme and improvement of existing plantations as against the target of 64177 hects.

**Posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Textiles**

3625. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Textiles during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these posts; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No post is lying vacant in the Ministry of Textiles for the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.